



Grace Baptist Church

22 December 2019

Welcome

Call to Worship

Praise & Adoration

Tithes & Offerings / Doxology

(Dismissal of Children)

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Song of Preparation

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Song of Response

Benediction



“Light and Life To All He Brings”
Luke 1:57-80

PASSAGE EXCERPT

67 And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us[h] from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet
into the way of peace.”
80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day
of his public appearance to Israel.

OUTLINE

Chapter 1: Birth (1:57-58)

God gives barren Elizabeth and old Zechariah the miraculous gift of life — a baby boy.

Chapter 2: Belief (1:59-63)

Whereas Zechariah had been struck dumb by doubt, he learns to trust in God’s Word.
He names his son “God is gracious” (John).



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Chapter 3: Bursting (1:64-75)

Regaining his voice, Zechariah sings the "Benedictus" about how God has kept His ancient promises.

Chapter 4: Blessing (1:76-80)

Zechariah sings about what his son will do — prepare Israel for the coming Messiah.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is God saying to you from His Word today? What has He told you, through the Scriptures, about Jesus?
2. This Christmas do you, like Zechariah, find it difficult to believe God's gracious promises to you? Why?
3. What did Zechariah learn that made him burst into worship — does anything stand out to you?

Next Week's Sermon:

"Jesus Presented: What are You Waiting For?"

Luke 2:22-52

CONNECT WITH US

Hello! Welcome to Grace Baptist Church! Do drop by the visitors' table before the service or provide us with your contact details at www.tinyurl.com/welcometogbc or through this QR code:

We look forward to getting to know you better and hearing how we can serve you!



Keen to find out more about joining the GBC community? We have a membership class called "Church Matters" which teaches through what we believe and what it means to be a church member. **The next class will be held over three sessions on Sunday, Feb 2, 9 & 16 2020, 11am – 12.30pm.** If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Eugene (eugenelow@gracebaptistchurch.sg).

Stay Connected: Signup for our online newsletter and prayer updates at www.tinyurl.com/gbcenews. These two mailers are how the church leaders can send important information to members, encourage prayer, and keep everyone in the family informed.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TODAY 22 DEC | 9.30 AM - 10.45 AM | CLASSROOMS ON THE ATTIC FLOOR (5TH LEVEL)

Below 3: Nursery

For the month of December, the children will be hearing the personal testimonies of various elders and their ministries.

New and have questions? Please contact Mok Chuan Xin (98531017).

CHURCH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY FOR LADIES

Our class will be doing Romans Chapters 12-16 on LIFE AS A LIVING SACRIFICE in the new year starting in February. We meet every Saturday 4-6pm in GBC, Room 310 A/B to study Scripture inductively together. Come join us and discover truth for yourself! Please register with Yoke Meng 97301670 to get your workbook.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE | WED 25 DEC | 9.00AM

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating and worshipping God's promised King and Saviour, Jesus Christ on 25 Dec at 9.00am. This is also a great opportunity for you to invite your non-Christian friends to hear about God's grace and faithfulness to save sinners. So see you on 25 Dec!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH | DEC 2019

At Advent, the church looks at the coming of Jesus in a special way. During December, you're encouraged to **invite your non-Christian friends** to church to hear six talks about Jesus Christ from the gospel of Luke. An e-poster invite is available at gracebaptistchurch.sg for you to share with your friends on social media.

On Christmas Day 25/12, we'll have a special opportunity to **host Christmas lunch** for each other, guests and visitors in our homes after service. GBC members are encouraged to practice hospitality by preparing a simple meal and sharing the love of Christ with our church guests. You can volunteer to host and sign up at this link so the church can help you coordinate, as God so leads you to host: [**http://tinyurl.com/GBCChristmasHost2019**](http://tinyurl.com/GBCChristmasHost2019)

For those with us willing to **join as guests at lunch with a GBC family host**, please do sign up at the link below. International friends and members, bereaved, and anyone willing to share in Christmas lunch are all welcome. Our privilege, guests and hosts alike, is to celebrate Jesus' birth together.

RSVP at [**http://tinyurl.com/GBCChristmas2019**](http://tinyurl.com/GBCChristmas2019)

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE | TUE 31 DEC | 8.00 PM

To mark the year's end and the dawn of 2020, we want to spend the closing moments of 2019 reflecting on God's goodness and looking forward in hope to what He will do in 2020. Please join us for an evening of fellowship in praise and prayer, hearing God's word, and being encouraged by testimonies of His grace at work among us. **Also note that there will NOT be a prayer meeting on the last Friday, 27 December.**

PARKING AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH CAR-PARK ON SUNDAYS

We give thanks to God for the people He is bringing to Grace Baptist Church. However, as there is limited parking on-site, we ask that drivers consider parking at other alternative car-parks on Sundays. You can locate the nearby carparks available within walking distance at [**https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/im-a-visitor**](https://english.gracebaptistchurch.sg/im-a-visitor).

YOUTH PARENTS BRIEFING | SUN 5 JAN 2020 | 10.45 AM | ROOM 310 A&B

Youth parents briefing for 2020 will be held on 5 Jan, 10.45am at Room 310. All parents of youth are encouraged to come to partner the youth leaders in discipleship.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT GBC'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS!

If you have experience in preventing or responding to fire, medical or security emergencies, GBC needs you!

We need Fire Safety Managers, Safety Officers, Security Officers, Police Officers, Incident Commanders, First Aiders, Fire Wardens, Traffic Wardens, Contact Coordinators, Counsellors, Crisis Communicators, Translators, Certified Trainers, etc. We would also need Professional Engineers who can check and certify the fire protection systems on an annual basis. If you would like to volunteer your time and expertise, please contact Cheryl Chan (clyrehc@hotmail.com / 9829 7414) or Church Administrator, Kuan Kok Pui (kpkuan@gracebaptistchurch.sg / 9733 9081). We aim to have a fire drill in the first half of 2020.

2019 YEAR END FINANCIAL CLOSING

Ministries are reminded to submit all expense claims for 2019 latest by today, Sunday 22 December 2019. Any transaction involving cash that is not settled with the church office today will be included in the 2020 Accounts.

STAFF MOVEMENT

Pastor Eugene is on leave 10 – 22 Dec. Pauline is on leave 20 – 28 Dec 2019. Kok Pui is on leave today and 29 Dec.

<h2>MISSIONS</h2>

PKH CAMBODIA MISSION TRIP 30 Mar to 5 Apr 2020

We are organising a Dental and Teaching Mission Trip to Cambodia from 30 Mar to 5 Apr 2020. If you are interested, please contact Kim Cheng 90261754 or Thiem Heng 92960007.

CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFT

We have received \$8000 for the 2019 Christmas Love Gift. Thank you GBC for your love and for blessing our missionaries with your generous giving.

SHORT TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you keen to participate in the mission field? The Missions Committee is launching a new initiative called Short Term Missions to encourage all members. This is a 3-month program where you will partner with our missionaries. The program starts with a time of preparation with the GBC pastoral staff, followed by 2 months in Pua, Northern Thailand. If you are keen to find out more, please approach **Joey Raju (90039664)** or **Elder Beh (97886171)**. In the coming months, the Missions Committee will be establishing other partnerships in Cambodia, Indonesia and Myanmar. Watch this space!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Activities for 22 December 2019 – 29 December 2019:

Sunday, 22 December

9.00 am EC Worship Service
9.30 am Children's Church
10.30 am Filipina Fellowship
2.00 pm Myanmar Fellowship

Wednesday, 25 December

9.00 am Christmas Service

Friday, 27 December

7.00 pm Youth Group

Saturday 28 December

10.00 am Wedding of Joshua & Liane
6.30 pm Worship Practice

Sunday, 29 December

9.00 am EC Worship Service
9.30 am Children's Church
10.30 am Filipina Fellowship
2.00 pm Myanmar Fellowship

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Sunday Meetings

EC Worship Service	9.00 am	Chinese Worship Service	11.00 am
EC Christian Education:		CC Christian Education:	
Children's Church	9.30 am	Children's Sunday School (KFC)	1.15 pm
Filipina Fellowship	10.30 am	Youth Fellowship	1.30 pm
Myanmar Fellowship	2.00 pm	Young Adult Fellowship	1.30 pm
		Big Group Fellowship (1 st Sunday)	1.00 pm

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Giving

The collection at GBC can be directed to one of two specific funds – general offering and missions fund. If you are making an offering by cheque, please write the cheque payable to: **“Grace Baptist Church Ltd”**.

For electronic giving, here are the internet banking details for English Congregation:

Account	Bank	Account Number
General Fund	Standard Chartered Bank	0100263291
Missions Fund	Standard Chartered Bank	0100263283
